

Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department
Board of Health
September 15, 2020

A quorum was present

Board Members:

Tim Thorson
Dr. Darryl Bindschadler
Dr. Brad Kincheloe (Zoom)
Dr. Karl Musgrave (Zoom)
Sue Hume (Zoom)

Others in Attendance:

Dr. Stan Hartman (Zoom)	Kasey Mullins
Kathy Emmons	Gladys Ayokosok (Zoom)
Dee Determann	Trudy Eisele (Zoom)
Linda Heath (Zoom)	Gus Lopez (Zoom)
Roy Kroeger	Mary Young (Zoom – Guest)

Mr. Thorson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hume moved to accept the agenda and Dr. Bindschadler seconded the motion, which was unanimously accepted.

Dr. Bindschadler moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held August 18, 2020. Mrs. Hume seconded the motion, which was unanimously accepted.

Mrs. Eisele covered the Treasurer's report for August 2020, with an ending balance of \$2,349,291.10. Ms. Determann covered the revenues of \$576,793.78 and expenses of \$463,903.43. The Treasurer's report, revenues, and expenses was moved by Mrs. Hume, seconded by Dr. Bindschadler and accepted unanimously.

Contracts and Agreements

Dr. Emmons introduced the Crisis Contingency contract between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department. She explained that this is a renewal contract for \$100,000 for performing response activities through implementation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Center. This agreement will be used for crises contingency and funds will only be released in a major event. Mrs. Hume moved this agreement, which Dr. Bindschadler seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Emmons introduced the renewal Lease Agreement between Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department and Messenger L.L.C. This lease agreement is until September 30, 2021 and shall not exceed \$31,500.00 in rent for storage of our emergency response equipment. Mrs. Hume inquired if the contract was the same as last year and Dr. Emmons verified that it was.

She also explained that our goal is to build a storage facility at the Archer Complex. Mrs. Hume moved this agreement, which was seconded by Dr. Bindschadler and passed unanimously.

Dr. Emmons introduced the renewal Memorandum of Understanding, Statement of Work, and Business Associate Agreement between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department. This is a two-year agreement not to exceed \$1,277,332.00 for Public Health Nursing services. This covers MCH, nursing admin, immunizations and adult health. Mrs. Hume moved the agreement that was seconded by Dr. Bindschadler and passed unanimously.

Dr. Emmons briefed on the Reimbursement Agreement between State of Wyoming, Office of State Land and Investments (OSLI) and Cheyenne-Laramie County Health Department. This agreement sets forth the terms and conditions by which OSLI shall disburse federal funds (relief funds) for the CARES Act. This agreement will not exceed \$190,345.00 was moved by Mrs. Hume moved this agreement which was seconded by Dr. Bindschadler and passed unanimously.

Information for the Board:

Dr. Emmons gave a Corona virus update. Currently, in Laramie County there are 471 confirmed cases, 153 probable cases, for a total of 624 cases. 13% of state positives are in Laramie County and 23% of probable's are in Laramie County. 570 people have recovered and 51 are currently active. We have quarantined at least 1,600 individuals. We are doing considerably more contact tracing then in Colorado. Last night she received a call that a teacher tested positive from McCormick Jr high school and between 100 -120 students will be quarantined. She is continuing to keep in close contact with the school districts on a weekly bases. All the students that was exposed was notified by school district and all the other students in the school was notified that there was a positive in the school. Mrs. Hume inquired on how long they would be quarantined. Mrs. Mullins informed the Board that we will contact each student on a 14 day quarantine that started on 9/11/20. We are recommending each student be tested next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mr. Thorson asked if the parent would be quarantined. . Mrs. Mullins stated that they are not quarantined because they are secondary exposures. We are recommending that the whole family be tested.

Dr. Emmons stated that we did mass testing last month at LCCC on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday morning. We tested 625 individuals and it was very successful. The staff did an amazing job. EMA, Gus, and several volunteers came out to help. On Tuesday morning, we had cars lined up at 7:30 a.m. and we did not start until 9 a.m. We did the cheek swab and there was some positive. There will be testing again in October.

Dr. Emmons informed the Board that we have purchased a Tahoe, it is bigger than we have purchased in the past, as we needed another larger vehicle that would be able to tow if needed.

Dr. Emmons further briefed that with state funding cuts, one of the programs that was cut is the WyHS program. We did have four CNA's: one was no longer employed; two retired and we have one left. Mrs. Mullins is working on a plan getting the clients transitioned over and that this cut will affect our revenues and expenditures in the next FY.

Mr. Thorson inquired if those programs will be re-funded at a later date. Dr. Emmons stated she did not think so. In order to get those programs back, there would have to be an increase of state revenues. Mr. Thorson commented that this would possibly increase people in Nursing Homes.

Dr. Emmons informed the Board that Dr. Hartman and she will be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and restaurant and bar groups. They want to open up completely however, we are abiding by state orders. Commissioner Heath read article on cost to state and the legislators may look into this. Mr. Thorson stated that the services we provide to the community at large is important. If needed the board will be willing to step in. The BOH supports us in keeping the community healthy.

Mary Young inquired since WyHS was cancelled, do we foresee stride being cut. Dr. Emmons briefed that they took an 8.3 million dollar cut which is affected the very vulnerable population.

Mrs. Mullins briefed that we have tested 878 individuals. A majority were due to close contacts. We are also having several symptomatic individuals tested. We continue to do the cheek swabs, but will be going back to nose swabs.

The lab company does notify the patients.

We are doing a clinic on Oct 1 in conjunction with flu clinic at Frontier Park from 7 am to 6 pm.

The immunization program was also affected by the financial cuts and the adult VUE will be discontinued. We did anticipate some cuts and three months ago, we started looking at billing our insured patients. In order to offset cost, we will just bill at cost of the vaccine. We would not be sustainable if we just gave it away free. WYVIP will continue to be funded for our pediatric patients.

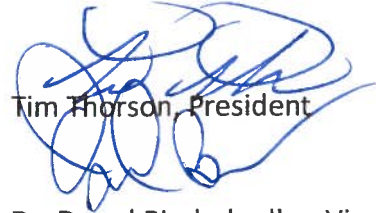
We will be in the community throughout Oct for the flu shot.

Family Planning is in their new location, and are checking in patients at front desk. We have cross-trained two nurses for both immunizations and FP.

MCH will have new curriculum. There will a cap on number of clients and the number of visits. It will change the eligible age to 2 years of age where it is 3 years old.

The Adult team is working on moving the WyHS clients over.

Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Thorson', is written over the printed name.

Tim Thorson, President

Dr. Darryl Bindschadler, Vice President

Dr. Karl Musgrave, Board Secretary
